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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. BONILLA].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 25, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable HENRY BONILLA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We pray, O God, for Your gift of healing—healing of body, mind, and spirit. Our petitions are for estrangement to be replaced by reconciliation and alienation to be replaced by trust. We pray that Your spirit will touch people's lives, that illness will be displaced by strength, and anxiety be overcome with confidence. We place these petitions before You, O God, that Your power, that created the Heavens and the Earth and every living person, will live in our lives and nurture us along life's way. This is our earnest prayer. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SKAGGS], please come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SKAGGS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute requests today at the end of business.

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO LIMIT AMENDMENTS, OFFER AN AMENDMENT, AND EXPAND DEBATE TIME ON H.R. 1561, AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT OF 1995

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, No. 1, during the further consideration in the Committee of the Whole of the bill H.R. 1561, pursuant to House Resolution 155, that other than pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate and amendments en bloc described in section 2 of House Resolution 155, no further amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute be in order except those printed in the amendments portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on or before May 24, 1995;

No. 2, the chairman of the Committee on International Relations, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member, is authorized to offer an amendment notwithstanding the preprinting-in-the-CONGRESSIONAL-RECORD requirement above or in House Resolution 155;

No. 3, consideration of the bill for amendment under the 5-minute rule may continue on the same terms as during the initial 10-hour period under House Resolution 155 for an additional period of 6 hours and may extend beyond 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 1995; and

No. 4, no further amendment shall be in order after the additional 6-hour period.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. DOGGETT. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, what we need

on this whole international relations legislation is some bipartisanship consistent with the history of this Congress in providing some bipartisan support for Presidents, regardless of party, in the conduct of our international relations.

My concern is that what we have, instead, is a 352-page detailed bill micromanaging foreign policy. Mr. Speaker, I do not think 6 hours more of talk, if it is the kind of talk that we have had throughout the course of this debate so far, is going to get us any nearer a bipartisan foreign relations bill.

It is obvious, since this bill was supposed to be crammed through yesterday, that the votes are not there for this kind of micromanagement.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, regular order.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, in view of that, I object to the request, because it has already been decided.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I will not go into the issue that the gentleman just brought up. I would call for an emergency meeting of the Committee on Rules right now in room 314.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 483, MEDICARE SELECT EXPANSION

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the

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